

Even taking interdiction into account

-200 tons 6 December 1965

COMMENTS ON THE LOGISTICAL SITUATION

The theoretical capacity of the roads and trails into South Vietnam is estimated at 200-300 tons a day without interdiction.

75-85 tons a day is the estimated requirement for 120 battalions at present levels of fighting.

100-110 tons a day would be required for 150 battalions at present levels of fighting.

Capacity of infiltrating nine battalions equivalent, or 4,500 men a month, is possibly somewhat overstated -- we have some doubts that necessary training could be accomplished at this rate.

Thus, the buildup envisaged in the paper may be somewhat beyond reasonable capabilities, but is not out of the question.

Note concerning Cambodia:

The estimated requirement for a full PAVN division in heavy fighting is estimated at 172 tons a day -- light fighting, 63 tons a day. We think the possibility of supporting large-scale operations from Cambodia is therefore very slight, though guerrilla operations could possibly be supported in this way.

Old Repts estimate